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WASHINGTON, June 26, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 21 totaled an estimated 17.4 billion ton-miles, 3.5 percent below the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 25 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 422.2 billion ton-miles, 0.8 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 21 totaled 388,867, down 3.0 percent from last year, but 0.8 percent higher than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 0.3 percent in the West, but down 8.4 percent in the East, and 2.5 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 15 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Coal loadings were down by 7,066 cars (5.8 percent) and metallic ores decreased by 3,452 cars (18.6 percent). Eleven of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 14 totaled 96,165 trailers and/or containers, 7.5 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 24 weeks of the year was 2,234,296, trailers and/or containers, up 10.0 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/21/86:

| | Loadings in Week ended June 21, 1986 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1985 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 27,849 | I | 711 | 2.6 | I | 2,400 | 9.4 |
| Other farm products | 4,133 | I | 399 | 10.7 | D | 80 | 1.9 |
| Metallic ores | 15,095 | D | 3,452 | 18.6 | D | 2,559 | 14.5 |
| Coal | 115,422 | D | 7,066 | 5.8 | I | 1,960 | 1.7 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 13,866 | D | 393 | 2.8 | D | 350 | 2.5 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 9,288 | D | 1,292 | 12.2 | I | 393 | 4.4 |
| Grain mill products | 10,751 | I | 817 | 8.2 | D | 8 | 0.1 |
| Food and kindred products | 10,883 | D | 119 | 1.1 | D | 39 | 0.4 |
| Primary forest products | 10,748 | D | 1,155 | 9.7 | I | 278 | 2.7 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 8,324 | I | 489 | 6.2 | I | 495 | 6.3 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 12,862 | D | 1,015 | 7.3 | I | 481 | 3.9 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 22,253 | D | 349 | 1.5 | D | 61 | 0.3 |
| Petroleum products | 4,844 | I | 172 | 3.7 | D | 56 | 1.1 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 10,493 | D | 541 | 4.9 | I | 27 | 0.3 |
| Coke | 4,515 | D | 666 | 12.9 | I | 228 | 5.3 |
| Metals and products | 7,613 | D | 1,566 | 17.1 | I | 4 | 0.1 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 21,790 | D | 1,221 | 5.3 | D | 415 | 1.9 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 8,083 | D | 249 | 3.0 | D | 273 | 3.3 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 2,998 | D | 3,370 | 52.9 | D | 131 | 4.2 |
| All other carloads | 66,946 | I | 7,783 | 13.2 | I | 820 | 1.2 |
| LCL traffic | 111 | D | 96 | 46.4 | I | 12 | 12.1 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 388,867 | D | 12,179 | 3.0 | I | 3,126 | 0.8 |
| Corresponding week of 1985 | 401,046 | | | | | | |

| | 1986 | 1985 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (25 weeks) | 9,345,903 | 9,416,462 | D 0.7 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 24 Weeks ended June 14 | 404.8 | 407.8 | D 0.7 |
| Week ended June 21 | 17.4 | 18.0 | D 3.5 |
| 25 weeks cumulative | 422.2 | 425.8 | D 0.8 |

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